




Holy Trinity
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NEWSLETTER

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Holidays

- Second May Bank Holiday: School is closed on 28th & 29th May, children return on 30th May.

Dates to Remember:

- Holy Communion – St Michael's Church at 12 noon:
 - o Saturday 19th May: Mrs Greene and Mrs McMenamin's classes
 - o Saturday 2nd June: Mrs Smith and Mrs McGirr's classes
- Friday 1st June: Cross Country for P4-P7
- Friday 8th June: Fun day at Brewster Park
- Thursday/Friday 14th/15th June: Sports Day (weather permitting)
- Monday 18th June - Wednesday 20th June: P7 trip to Dublin
- Thursday 21st June: Moving Up Day - all classes
- Friday 22nd June: Sponsored Walk
- Wednesday 27th June: P7 Leavers Mass
- Friday 29th June: Last day of term, school finishes at 12 noon.

PATHS in Holy Trinity

PATHS® (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) is a programme which focuses on children's social skills and emotion recognition. PATHS addresses the following areas:

- self-control
- emotional understanding
- positive self-esteem
- relationships
- interpersonal problem-solving skills.

The lessons and activities focus on individual and group-based learning in areas such as emotion recognition and understanding, problem solving, communication, acceptable behaviour and self-control.



In Primary 1 the children have put together a scrapbook of compliments with illustrations of themselves.



P4's thoughts on PATHS

We all love to receive a compliment! Primary 4 children shared some of their thoughts on PATHS, Playground Pals and compliments.

- The PATHS control signals poster helps me to calm down and forgive people easily. *Summer Martin*
- PATHS helps me to take turns and help people. *Pat McDonagh*
- I am a Playground Pal. If someone is sitting on the bench by themselves, I go over and I help them and they have someone to play with. *Grace McCaffrey*
- I love giving people compliments, it makes me happy. *Imogen Treacy*
- I was lonely because my friend was off and the Playground PATHS Pals came over and played with me. *Ciara McPhillips*
- Playground PATHS Pals are good when you are sad, unhappy and lonely. Stop and calm down. Think of a solution, try it out. *Ronan McCann*

Baking Club with Mrs McDonnell

"Cooking with kids is not just about ingredients, recipes, and cooking. It's about harnessing imagination, empowerment, and creativity."
- Guy Fieri



Mrs McDonnell's P4 baking club ran at Mill Street after school for five weeks. The children learnt how to weigh, measure, sift and mix lots of different ingredients over the five weeks. They made Malteser Cheese cake, Rocky Roads, Apple Crumble, Swiss Rolls and Fifteen's. Thank you Mrs McDonnell.



P1 enjoy their visit to the Enniskillen Museum

All children in Primary 1 enjoyed a trip to the Enniskillen Museum this week. They found out about toys that children played with in the past!



School Council Cake Sale

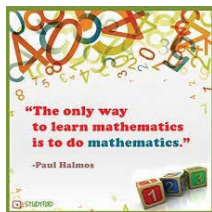


Our school council organised a cake sale to raise money for some new playground equipment for school. The sale took place on Friday 27th April on both sites. Some of the children from KS2 came to Mill street to help sell the buns and cakes.



There was a fantastic display of delicious buns, cakes and biscuits for sale on each site and the children were so excited when they got to shop. Thank you to all the children, parents and friends who baked and sent goodies in with their children for the sale. Thank you also to all our children and families for shopping at the cake sale. A huge total of £1266.50 was raised from the sale and from raffle tickets sold. This money will be spent on playground equipment.





Family Involvement in Numeracy Primary 3

On Tuesday 17th April, Primary 3 children and parents attended the Family Involvement in Numeracy (FIN) evening. The information evening focused on developing a more positive attitude towards Maths and making the subject fun.

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As part of the evening, the children were able to select exciting Numeracy focused games to play at home with their family. We look forward to hearing about which games are most enjoyable! The FIN programme lasts for six weeks and each week the children can choose a new game to play. The aim of the FIN programme is to develop children's



confidence and understanding of Numeracy through a fun and enjoyable approach.

There are many games online to help your children develop their Mathematical understanding, some are outlined below;

- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <http://www.primarygames.co.uk/pg2/dogbone/gamebone.html>
- www.topmarks.co.uk

Tips for helping your child to enjoy maths:

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home.
- Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy.
- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost.
- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates



AppleTV in the classroom

The AppleTVs & iPads are now being used in all our classes to support children's learning. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising 'Night at the Races' which paid for the equipment. Staff have already purchased and are using a range of educational Apps which are supporting their teaching and the children's learning at whole class and individual level. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Treacy, Principal



P7 Lough Derg Retreat

All of the P7 classes went on a retreat day to Lough Derg on Thursday 12th April. This Retreat was in preparation for our Confirmation. Staff from 'Siolta', who ran the retreat, explained to us about 'The Gifts' and the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit' as part of this preparation. We talked about how we build good friendships and how these friendships support us in life.



During the day we played games, did crafts, talked and meditated. We had a great day learning about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Kienan McBrien & Aoibhe Judge, P7 - Mr Morris



P7 Program Robots – Sentinus visit

On Monday 9th April Sentinus joined Mr Starrs P7 class to show them how to program robots. The children really enjoyed the experience. Here is their report.

'We were first split into teams of two or three and were then shown a software program called PICAXE which would control the robots. After we learned how to use the programme we started to programme the robots ourselves. We then plugged the robots into computers and downloaded our programme onto the robots. The robots were then unplugged, set onto the floor and were then switched on. The classroom floor was scattered with robots going forward and backward and doing 360° turns. We then teamed up with another group at our table and had to work together to come up with a synchronized robot dance.'

Everyone had good fun learning and using the robots. We have now entered into a competition in Belfast where we will have to come up with another routine for the robots.'

By Hannah and Ethan P7 CS



P5 Take Away Homework

Mrs Gormley's P5 class chose the Water Cycle as their 'Take Away Homework' this week. They created lots of wonderful water cycle displays at home and brought them in to school to show their teacher and their fellow classmates. Don't they look great.



P5 Classes had a great day at the Marble Arch Caves

The P5 classes went on a trip to Marble Arch caves at the end of April. This trip was linked to their current topic 'Water'. The children thoroughly enjoyed going through the caves, looking at the cave formations and learning about the role water played in creating these formations. After going through the cave the classes were taken on a woodland walk by some of Marble Arch the staff. They enjoyed a mini beast hunt, were shown a 'Shake Hole' and got to look at some fossils. It was a wonderful trip.



P6 backstage at Oliver Twist



Miss Quigley's P6 class were treated to a VIP mini-workshop after watching the production of Oliver Twist in school on Wednesday 18th April. Here are a few comments from the children:

'The actors told us about their costumes, they said they use layering for their quick costume changes.' *Jack Mullally.*

'They told us they are part of an acting group and they move around different teams every year. I really enjoyed it.' *Conor Ferguson.*

'They told us they use paint mixed with glue for their set so that the paint doesn't crack or get destroyed when they are changing scenes.' *Alanna Boyle.*

'I enjoyed the chance to ask the actors questions and to find out their 'real' names.' *Annalise McDonnell.*

The whole school enjoyed the very entertaining performance of Oliver Twist by M & M Productions. Thanks to all the performers for a great show!



Mrs Fee & Mrs O'Connor's classes enjoy activities at the Share Centre



Mrs Fee and Mrs O'Connor's classes are going to the Share Centre over a number of weeks to allow the children to experience educational opportunities in a different setting. The children are having an amazing time; so far they have enjoyed Go-Karting and Indoor Rock Climbing activities. Some of the children talked about the activities:



'We were divided into 2 teams and then we raced around a circular track on Go-Karts. We wore helmets with a big bucket on top; at filling stations on the track the adults filled our buckets with water. We had to stop at obstacles and build a tower or climb through a hoop wearing the helmet with the bucket of water. We tried not to spill any. At the end of each loop we had to pour our water into a collection bucket. The winners were the team with the most water at the end.' *Rogan, Michael, Darragh, Zara, Kalial, Brogan & Callum*

'We were brought into a room where we saw pictures of people climbing Mount Everest.' *Michael*

'We worked in teams to design a logo. The teams were called The Savages and the Super Strikers. The Super Strikers won and got 5 points.' *Zara*

'At the end of the day we were given some sweets for our great team work.' *Kalial*



P3 Overview of planned work for May

Numeracy: Depending on group children will work on the place value of number to 999, addition of H.T.U. and T.U. (while bridging/not bridging the ten) and decomposition-subtraction. Work on multiplication of 2s 5s 10s is ongoing with some groups beginning to look at division of 2s 5s and 10s. Topic work - We will begin to revise all topics covered throughout the year.

Literacy: Children will look at the author Roald Dahl with study on 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and work beginning on 'The Twits'. Grammar work will look at punctuation - commas, revision of letter names, alphabetical ordering and dictionary work. They will also know when to use there/their, were/wear and adding 'ed'. Our writing genre focus for this month is report writing.

Topic: The World Around Us. Water -its uses, the water cycle, floating and sinking

STEM: Children will work in groups to plan, design and test a bridge which is strong enough to hold a toy car.

P4 – Overview of planned work for May

Literacy: Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rules. Pupils will be reading their class novel, *'Danny the Champion of the World.'* In grammar pupils will look at homophones, synonyms, antonyms, colons and commas in lists. We will be writing a play script based on 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Numeracy: Pupils will be learning about division and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. We will be looking at fractions of objects and fractions of numbers. Our topic work this month will cover handling data where we will be looking at Venn Diagrams and Carroll Diagrams. We will be reading scales and giving change with money. Pupils will also use ISAK9 and complete problem solving investigations.

World Around Us: Pupils will continue the topic of 'Buildings'. In art pupils will be creating watercolour postcards of famous London buildings. They will be creating collages of houses using wallpaper. We will look at alternative endings to stories. In Science, pupils will be looking at fire and what a fire needs to grow. We will look at how and why the 'Great Fire of London' spread so quickly. We will look at fire safety. Pupils will learn that chromatography is used to separate mixtures of colours. Children will create a coloured spot on a piece of filter paper and then submerge into the water just covering the spot, then watch the colour change and move up the filter paper.

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- **Saturday 19th May** - Mrs Greene's class and Mrs McMenamin's class
- **Saturday 2nd June** - Mrs Smith's class and Mrs McGirr's class

P5 - Overview of Planned work for May

Numeracy: *Number:* Revision of all topics – addition, subtraction, multiplying and dividing, fractions and decimals. *Topic:* Different types of angles (acute, right angle, obtuse, straight and reflex). *Mental Maths* – Continuous revision of all tables – multiplying and dividing for speed and accuracy. Revision for upcoming tests

Literacy: *Novel:* Continue reading 'James and the Giant Peach' and complete related activities. *Grammar work:* Proof reading and editing exercises. Revision of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Exclamation marks, Prepositions (word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else, for example: on, under, inside, outside), Prefixes (letters you can add to the beginning of a word) and Suffixes (letters you can add to the end of

a word) to build longer words. *Writing:* Fantasy writing – Look at images from Michael Foreman and write stories and poems on these. Start looking at play scripts. Children will look at the features of a play script and write their own scene from a play script. (Look at characters, plots, stage direction and perform scenes). We will complete **spellings from Schofield and Sims** – Topic Words. Weekly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us: Topic work – Starting a new topic: World War 1. Complete 'K' (what we know) and 'W' (what we want to know), War vocabulary, causes of war, countries involved in the war, timeline of events and looking in detail at a soldier's uniform.

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc:

- 10 minutes AR every night and quizzes on AR book and reading book
- Homework diary to be signed every night
- **Enniskillen Museum visit (WW1) - 16th, 17th & 18th May**
- **County Cavan Museum (Trenches) – 5th June 2018**
- End of Year trip is to **'Waterworld' in Bundoran on Monday 18th June**

P6 - Overview of Planned May

Numeracy: Pupils will be working on fractions and moving on to decimals and percentages. They will also be introduced to prime, cube and square numbers.

Topic - Pupils will be working on data handling activities, 12 hour and 24 hour time.

Literacy: - Pupils will know when to use apostrophes, both for contractions and showing possession. Written activities will focus on persuasive and procedural writing.

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will complete work on the 'Vikings' and in May begin the topic of 'Europe'. They will complete a persuasive brochure on a country of their choice as part of an ICT task.

AR reading: Pupils should be working towards their 3rd term word count targets. Also, congratulations to our newest P6 Millionaires.

Trips this term include a visit to Enniskillen Castle and the Enniskillen Library. More details about end of year trip to follow.

The library and ICT suite are available from 8:15 am every morning.

P7 - Overview of Planned work for May

Literacy: Novel Work- 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and related activities. Record of Achievements.

Numeracy: Data handling work- Graph work, Problem solving activities.

World Around Us: Our topic this term is 'Rainforests'.

Reminder: Encourage your child to gather any certificates or achievements that they wish to include in their Record of Achievement.

Social Media

Please be aware that the lowest recommended age for children to be using social media platforms is 13. While we will continue to educate the children on the safe use of the internet and appropriate use of technology the school cannot accept any responsibility for issues that arise as a result of children using social media.

